Suratgarh Thermal Power Station

4683. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA:
SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Suratgarh Thermal Power Station, Stage-II Project of Rajasthan is under consideration of Government for sanction; and

(b) if so, the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARA MANGALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Rajasthan State Electricity Board (RSEB) has submitted a proposal to Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for setting up of Suratgarh Thermal Power Station Stage-II project in the State Sector, The CEA has advised RSEB on 5.5.1998 to tie-up pending essential inputs before they could consider granting techno-economic clearance to the project.

Allocation of Power from Kol Dam Project

4684. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA:
SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan has brought to the notice of Central Government the breach of contract by Himachal Pradesh Government on Kol Dam Project agreement dated 30th June, 1984 signed between State Governments of Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Central Government propose to allocate power from Kol Dam Project to Rajasthan, as per the agreement already executed;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government of Rajasthan has proposed for special allocation over and above the allocation from central sector power station till Rajasthan gets share of power from Kol Dam Project as per agreement; and

(e) if so, what action is being taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARA MANGALAM): (a) to (d) On 30th June, 1984, an agreement was executed between State Governments of Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan for investigation and execution of Kol Dam Hydel Project, The agreement provided for sharing of investment and benefits between the two States in the manner in dicated below:

	Capital	Benefits
Rajasthan	75%	63%
Himachal Pradesh	25%	37%

The execution of the Kol Dam Project could not be taken up due to problem of funding. Thereafter, the Government of Himachal Pradesh invited bids for execution of projects in the Private Sector. Since the response was not adequate, Government of Himachal Pradesh has now suggested that the project may be executed by National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) or any other agency of the Central Government. The modalities for project funding, execution and sharing of costs and benefits have to be firmed up in consultation with the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

(e) The following additional assistance has been rendered to Rajasthan in meeting the power demand of the State:

(i) One third of the total output of Anta Gas based Station of NTPC has been allocated to RSEB since Oct. 1993, in addition to its share thus providing an additional allocation of around 110 MW.